

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-5 and 7-34 are pending in the application, with Claims 1, 13, 19, 25, and 30 being independent. Claim 6 is canceled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-17, 19-23, and 25-34 are amended herein. Support for the claim amendments and additions can be found in the original disclosure. No new matter has been added.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Office Action states that claim 6 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any other intervening claims. Applicant hereby thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

Without further comment or prejudice as to the merits of the Examiner's rejections, and without prejudice to the filing of subsequent continuation or divisional applications, Applicant hereby requests to amend claims to expedite the issuance of the subject matter acknowledged as being allowable by the Examiner.

Specifically, Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 6, thereby placing Claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claims 1-5 and 7-12 depend from Claim 1 and are also in condition for allowance. Claim 6 has been canceled.

Similarly, Claim 13 has been amended to include limitations that are substantial similar to the limitations in Claim 6. Therefore, Claim 13 is in condition

for allowance. Claims 14-18 depend from Claim 13 and are also in condition for allowance.

Additionally, Claim 19 has been amended to include to include limitations that are substantial similar to the limitations in Claim 6. Therefore, Claim 19 is in condition for allowance. Claims 20-24 depend from Claim 19 and are also in condition for allowance.

Further, Claim 25 has been amended to include to include limitations that are substantial similar to the limitations in Claim 6. Therefore, Claim 25 is in condition for allowance. Claims 26-29 depend from Claim 25 and are also in condition for allowance.

Finally, Claim 30 has been amended to include to include limitations that are substantial similar to the limitations in Claim 6. Therefore, Claim 30 is in condition for allowance. Claims 31-34 depend from Claim 30 and are also in condition for allowance.

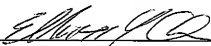
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-5 and 7-34 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and an early notice of allowance. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

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